

REMARKS

By this Response, Applicant withdraws Claims 1, 4-9, 12-18, and 22-31. As a result, only Claims 32-34 remain in the case.

In the most recent Office Action, the Examiner found Claims 32-34 allowable (paragraph 9 of Office Action). While Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejections of Claims 1, 4-9, 12-18, and 22-31, Applicant withdraws these claims now without prejudice to expedite the present prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to present them again, without any estoppel being applied to them, in a later prosecution, such as a continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application. As a result, Claims 1-31 are no longer in the case. Accordingly, only allowed Claims 32-34 are presently before the Examiner and in the case.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims previously identified as allowed. If it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

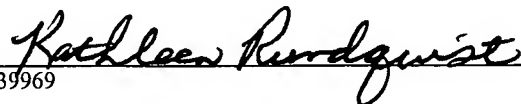
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